

COLLATION SYSTEM AND METHOD

ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

A system and method are provided for using a printer to
5 collate a document from preprinted pages. The method comprises: loading
document sections in at least one printer input media tray, although a
plurality of document sections may be loaded into a corresponding
plurality of input media trays; entering a collation program; and, creating
a collated document from input media tray document sections, in response
10 to the collation program. Entering a collation program includes: accessing
a menu from a collation driver application; populating fields in the menu;
and, sending collation commands to a printer collation controller in
response to the populated fields. More specifically, accessing a menu from
a collation driver application includes accessing a menu using a user
15 interface (UI). The UI may be the front panel of the printer, a client
device (personal computer or network-connected server) connected to the
printer, or a web page connected to the printer.